

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 8-1-1 to have underground facilities located prior to digging, resulting in possible undesired consequences such as service interruptions, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce damages, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, North Dakota One Call Board and Common Ground Alliance promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 8-1-1, as well as the use of safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, 8-1-1 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility locations at the intended dig site; and

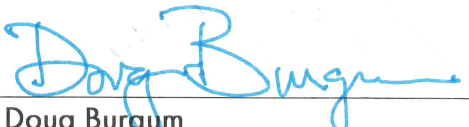
WHEREAS, North Dakota law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify North Dakota 8-1-1 and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities; and

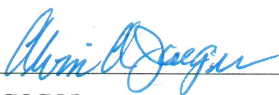
WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 8-1-1 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time for the utility to be located, respecting the location marks by maintaining visual definition throughout the excavation and, finally, digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota excavators and homeowners are encouraged to know what is below and to call 8-1-1 before digging to ensure the safety and connectivity of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2021, **SAFE DIGGING MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE